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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA: JAN. 14

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA ON JAN. 14 TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF THE US CITIZEN PLASMAFERESIS PERSONNEL. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE EVENTS RELATED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF CHAMORRO, THE TODMAN VISIT, MANAGUA RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE AND US-GON RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST HE MET FOR HALF HOUR WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA ON JANUARY 14 AT MONTELMAR TO EXPLAIN PROBLEM OF PLASMAFERESIS PERSONNEL IN US EMBASSY. HE FIRST CONGRATULATED SOMOZA FOR GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE ACTION OF THE GN IN LIGHT OF THE SERIOUS PROVOCATIONS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS AND OFFERED U.S. COOPERATION IN FACILITATING JUSTICE IN ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. HE THEN DESCRIBED PLIGHT OF US CITIZENS IN THE EMBASSY AND THEIR FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. SOMOZA AFTER SAYING THEY HAD BETTER BE FEARFUL, SAID THEY COULD LEAVE NICARAGUA ANYTIME THEY WANTED.

2. REGARDING THE CHAMORRO ASSASSINATION AND THE ACCUSATION AGAINST DR. PEDRO RAMOS OF PLASMAFERESIS OF HAVING PAID FOR THE ASSASSINATION, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE ISSUE OF A POSSIBLE EXTRADITION REQUEST FROM THE GON. SOMOZA REPLIED THAT ACTION AGAINST RAMOS WOULD DEPEND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE CASE AGAINST HIM. HE DESCRIBED IT AS SO CONFIDENTIAL

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FAR BEING THE WORD OF A THUG, SILVIO PENA, AGAINST THE WORD OF DR. RAMOS, A PROFESSIONAL MAN. HE SAID WHEN HIS FATHER, SOMOZA GARCIA, WAS ASSASSINATED THAT A THUG HAD IMPLICATED P.J. CHAMORRO. IN THAT CASE DR. CHAMORRO'S DENIAL WAS GIVEN GREATER WEIGHT THAN THAT OF HIS ACCUSER.

3. REGARDING THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION, SOMOZA

EXPRESSED CONCERN. HE SAID CHAMORRO, BECAUSE OF HIS MILITANCY HAD HELPED TO PREVENT THE OPPOSITION FROM GETTING ORGANIZED. NOW NEW UNIFYING LEADERSHIP MIGHT DEVELOP, HE SAID. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE EXPECTS SOME CONTINUING SPORADIC VIOLENCE BUT THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC ORDER CAN BE MAINTAINED.

4. ON THE TODMAN VISIT, THE PRESIDENT URGED THAT HE HAVE AT LEAST A COUPLE OF HOURS FOR HIS MEETING. LESS THAN THAT WOULD BE TOO RESTRICTIVE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ASST. SECY. TODMAN WOULD HAVE A BUSY SCHEDULE MEETING WITH OTHER PERSONS.

5. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE MANAGUA EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND THE NEED TO CONCLUDE OUR ALREADY EXTENDED PARTICIPATION. SOMOZA SAID IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THE AVAILABLE FUNDS WERE NOT USED, AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DISCUSS WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF HACIENDA, GEN. GENIE, HOW TO GET THE PROGRAM SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED

6. SOMOZA INDIRECTLY EXPRESSED APPREHENSION REGARDING U.S. POLICY TOWARD HIS REGIME. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED SOMOZA THAT IT WAS NOT U.S. POLICY TO DESTABILIZE THE GON OR TO TRY TO TOPPLE HIM. SOMOZA IRONICALLY REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED THIS ONLY BECAUSE AMBASSADOR WAS SAYING SO.

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